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Case #5113

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

Kenneth B. Higgins

Serial Number:

09/721,871

Filed:

November 24, 2000

For:

**CUSHIONED CARPET, CARPET TILE,
AND METHOD**

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Examiner: Unknown



Preliminary Amendment

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to a first Office Action on the merits, please delete any claim to priority to earlier cases by amending the above application as follows:

Page 1, **delete** lines 4 – 13, "CROSS-REFERENCE...June 5, 2000." in there entirety.

A new Declaration without any claim to priority to earlier applications will be provided.

REMARKS

Following entrance of this Amendment and replacement of the Declaration, this application will no longer claim priority to any earlier applications.

Notwithstanding this case has been filed co-pending with earlier filed U.S. cases having common ownership, herewith Applicant does not intend to claim priority thereto.